

St. Joseph's Select Hustling Youngsters For New Officers

Annual Meeting Held and All Elections Are Unanimous—Society in Most Flourishing Condition.

At the regular meeting of the St. Joseph's T. L. & B. association, Thursday, the annual election of officers took place. John A. Lyddy, son of the ex-almshouse, was elected president. Mr. Lyddy has held the office of vice-president for the past year. John Neary, corresponding secretary for the past year was elected secretary. Christopher Coleman was chosen financial secretary, succeeding Charles Canning, who has held the office for the past three years. Mr. Canning refused a re-election. James Healy was elected recording secretary, and Peter Handou was chosen corresponding secretary. Francis J. Dunigan was re-elected treasurer, an office which he has filled with rare fidelity. Albert Tesch, the past sergeant-at-arms, was elected marshal and Martin Sheehan chosen sergeant-at-arms. John Hart, a former president, was selected as chairman of the board of trustees. James Walsh, second trustee, James Neary, third trustee, Christopher Coleman, fourth trustee, and Francis P. Dunigan, fifth trustee. Doctor J. J. Sullivan was re-elected examining physician. All elections were unanimous. The officers elected represent the youngest set of officers that have ever headed this organization.

A report of the chairman of the board of directors showed the society in its first class condition, while a report of the treasurer showed all bills paid for the past year and a tidy balance in the bank. This year marks the thirty-second anniversary of the organization, and it is expected that the annual celebration of the society will take place within the next month.

September Morn Gets

Lulu Victory in Lakeview

Lulu Victory is again registered at Marie Cowles' city hotel at Lakeview. Suffering from the mistaken idea that she had been delegated to impersonate "September Morn," she was taken to the department of charities headquarters early today by some Trumbull people, who were worried over her actions. Investigator Alexander Mordant, who was acquainted with her, and promptly transferred her to the care of Superintendent Cowles. She has been in twice before for somewhat similar conduct, once being sent to Middletown and the second time being taken in charge by friends.

PERSONAL MENTION.
The engagement of Miss Anna McElroy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. McElroy of 374 Barnum avenue, to Joseph Shea of this city was recently announced.

ARTISTIC FLORAL WORK JAS. HORAN & SON Florists

MARRIED.

RIPLEY-BEERS.—In Norwalk, Dec. 29, Ralph T. Ripley and Miss Katherine L. Beers.
BALDWIN-WATKIN.—In Norwalk, Dec. 29, Robert B. Baldwin and Miss Ruth M. Baldwin.
PERKINS-MALLORE.—In Danbury, Dec. 29, Donald C. Perkins of New York and Miss Mallore of Danbury.
OFFICER-BEITH.—In Stamford, Dec. 24, Miss Margaret J. Keith and Harry Officer.
DAVIS-SPARKS.—In Danbury, December 25, Miss Clara M. Starr, of Danbury, to Lawrence E. Davis of Ridgefield.
BUTLER-HEINZEMAN.—In Danbury, Dec. 24, Chauncey B. Butler and Miss Florence A. Heinzeman.
GREENE-MIDDLEBROOK.—In Wilton, Dec. 23, Charles M. Greene, of New Canaan, and Miss Henrietta Fernum Middlebrook.
SMITH-ALGER.—In South Norwalk, Dec. 25, Warren B. Smith and Miss Grace L. Alger.
MORRIS-DAVIS.—In Stamford, Dec. 27, James Monahan and Miss Helen Davis.
WHEELER-COLEMAN.—In Norwalk, Dec. 24, Miss Louise Coleman and John Tuttle.

DIED.

GRUTZ.—In this city, Jan. 2, 1914, William Grutz, aged 86 years. Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the undertaking parlors of Cullinan & Mullins, No. 864 Main street, on Monday, Jan. 5, at 8:50 a. m., and from St. Augustine's church at 9 a. m. Interment at St. Michael's cemetery.

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CRANE CO. DISTRIBUTES \$100,000 TO HELP IN THEIR LOCAL PLANTS

Second Distribution Which Local Workers Have Received From Company.

In the weekly pay envelope last night each employee of the Crane Valve Co. received an announcement that a sum amounting to five per cent. of his wages for the year, had been placed to his credit in a local bank. The money has been there or drawn out and used immediately by the employee. It is estimated that the company has thus distributed \$100,000 in bonuses in this city. Each person who has been in the employ of the company one year or more received this bonus.

The employees of the offices, foundries and other departments of the company, were all given bank books and advised to leave their bonus in the bank as the beginning of a savings bank account. The employees who received the bonus last year are allowed to remain in the savings banks, had this year's bonus added to their accounts.

This profit sharing plan with employees was originated at the Crane Valve Co. in 1906 and has been continued as fast as the company acquired new plants. It is given to instill savings habits in the employees of the concern and also to show appreciation by the company of the industry of its employees.

CORN MARKET FALLS NEARLY THREE CENTS

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Corn prices crashed downward today, the January delivery breaking nearly three cents a bushel. The same corn that four days ago brought 71 cents sold this morning at 68 1/2, a fall of nearly 3 cents. The fact that the leading corn here had hedged his holdings by sales of the May option brought on much pressure from speculators who held bearish views. A smash in values was the result.

RHODE ISLAND JURIST DEAD

Edward Church Dubois, Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Victim of Accident.

A fall down a flight of stairs caused the death at Providence, R. I., yesterday of Edward Church Dubois, former chief justice of the state supreme court and former attorney-general. He was born 65 years ago and became chief justice in 1909. He retired a year ago because of ill-health.

ECHO OF BRIDGEPORT WRECK

A verdict of \$6,000 damages against the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad in favor of Mrs. Arthur M. Curtis, widow of the engineer of the Federal express which was wrecked near Bridgeport, Ct., July 11, 1911, was set aside at New York yesterday by the appellate division of the supreme court. In this wreck, Curtis and a number of passengers were killed. The point at issue was whether the wreck was due to the negligence of the engineer or of some other employee. The appellate division held that it had not been proved at the trial that Curtis was negligent. A new trial was ordered. Mrs. Curtis sued for \$50,000.

DR. S. WEIR MITCHELL ILL

Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, the physician and author, is ill with grip at his home in Philadelphia. Because of his age, 83, his illness has caused some apprehension among his relatives and friends. He was reported somewhat improved yesterday.

WHITELAW REID'S ESTATE

The estate left by Whitelaw Reid, American ambassador to Great Britain and editor and part owner of the New York Tribune, was valued at \$1,398,884 in a report filed at White Plains, N. Y., yesterday by the tax appraiser. With the exception of \$55,690, the estate consists of personal property. The inheritance tax was \$12,289,655. The widow and principal beneficiary, is appraised at \$1,289,655.

RADIUM PATIENT IMPROVES

The condition of Congressman Robert G. Brenner of New Jersey, who is taking radium treatment for cancer of the throat, at Baltimore, Md., was yesterday said to be gratifying. The tubes of radium which were first inserted in the center of the growth are now being applied to the outside.

OBITUARY

The funeral of Thomas Kinnane was held at 8:30 o'clock this morning from the home, 39 Capitol avenue, and later from St. Patrick's church where Rev. T. J. Plicker sang a solemn requiem mass. There was a large attendance including a delegation from Live Oak Camp, W. O. W., of which he was a member. The casket was surrounded by many floral tributes. The bearers were James McLevey, J. Bogart, Charles Smith and F. Cassidy. Burial was in St. Michael's cemetery.

The funeral of Mary Mahoney, who died Wednesday, was held at 8:30 o'clock this morning from the undertaking parlors of M. J. Gannon at 1051 Broad street and half an hour later from St. Mary's church where Rev. J. P. Murphy celebrated a solemn high mass for the repose of her soul. Revs. Father Mulcahy and Seiferman assisted. At the offertory Mrs. Munich sang "Ave Maria" at the offertory following the mass. The burial was in St. Michael's cemetery.

The funeral of Andrew Moran, the railroad conductor who was killed by a train in Berlin on Thursday, was held from the home of his mother, 133 Stouven street, at 9:45 and from St. Mary's church at 10 o'clock where a solemn high mass or requiem was celebrated. The officers were Rev. Father Mulcahy, celebrant, assisted by Rev. Father Murphy. The church choir sang "Ave Maria" at the offertory and after the mass Mrs. Munich sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee." Delegations representing the Railroad Trainmen attended the funeral. Expressions of sorrow were shown by a large display of floral offerings which surrounded the remains. The pallbearers were William Hickey, James Costigan, Philip Mancine, James Murray, F. J. Dutton and Martin Dunn. Interment was in St. Michael's cemetery where Rev. Father Mulcahy read the committal service at the grave.

BIRMINGHAM IS BEST MAN FOR JOB, SAYS M'LEVY

Has Handled Every Strike In Bridgeport Without Spilling Drop of Blood—A Fine Tribute to An Honest and Efficient Public Servant.

"Efficiency is a minor consideration and the Republicans are simply paying political debts when they propose to elect a lieutenant and 15 patrolmen to the police force of Bridgeport," declared Jasper McLevy last night. Mr. McLevy was one of a committee of the North End Improvement association who appeared at the meeting of the streets and sidewalks committee of the Common Council. He has twice been the candidate of the Socialist party for Mayor of Bridgeport polling large votes each time.

Continuing, he said: "I maintain that a man with 40 years' experience in the police business is more competent to run that department than four men who are only interested in it incidentally, and who depend for their positions on the way the political wind blows."

"The attitude of the present Republican administration bears out the statement I made while campaigning last September."

"I said then that efficiency was a minor consideration and nothing drives the truth of that statement home any better than the fact that they are trying to retire Superintendent Birmingham who is admitted to be one of the most efficient police heads in the United States. This view is not only held by the police but by hundreds of opposite political faiths, and the Socialist party will do all in its power—even though they do not control a single office—to retain Superintendent Birmingham in his present position."

"If the superintendent is inefficient and unable to further fulfill the duties of his office why did they not produce some evidence along that line? Superintendent Birmingham entered the office which he now holds during one of the most stormy periods in the department's history and during all the years he has held the office not a single word has been said that would reflect, even in the slightest degree, as to his ability to administer the affairs of the police. Many important strikes have taken place in Bridgeport during that time and he has handled them all with credit to himself and the city."

"Not an ounce of blood has been spilled during any of the strikes, which is, indeed, a remarkable fact. During that time he has endeavored to give everybody a square deal, protesting, at all times, the constitutional rights and guarantees of our citizens and I defy the present mayor or the police commission to name a single officer who has abused his position in the police department. The present system in Bridgeport is one that is at all times amenable to political manipulation and is a detriment to both the principles of efficiency and good government."

PASTOR IS KILLED BY POOR BOX THIEVES

Wilhelmshaven, Ger., Jan. 3.—Pastor Loetz of the Protestant Church in the village of Reepshagen, was shot and killed today by thieves whom he had surprised robbing his poor box. The murderers escaped.

HIGH TIDE WIPES OUT SEABRIGHT REPAIRS

Sea Bright, N. J., Jan. 3.—All the repair work which followed the devastation wrought by the storm of December 28 was wiped out early today by a high tide which swept in by an east wind. More damage is expected at high tide at noon, when it is feared that the tide will sweep across the town to the Shrewsbury river, where the high bulkheads have been swept away and the fishing district was inundated.

Many houses there not damaged by the earlier storm were overturned today. The repairs to the station hotel were demolished and the dining room practically torn from the main structure.

Thompsonville School Head Found Guilty Of False Pretenses

Thompsonville, Conn., Jan. 3.—Alexander Baccari, head of an Italian school here, who was charged last night with obtaining money under false pretenses, pleaded not guilty to this charge in the town court today but, being found guilty, was fined \$20 and costs.

It was alleged that Baccari took \$10 from a man here several weeks ago, offering to get him a place to work. The position was not found, according to the plaintiff but the defense had two witnesses who said that Baccari found two places for the plaintiff but the latter would not take either. Baccari did not testify.

LAST HANGING IN VERMONT. Arthur Bosworth Executed at Windsor for Murder of Mae Labelle.

Arthur Bosworth was hanged at the State prison at Windsor, Vt., yesterday afternoon for the murder of Mae Labelle at Essex Junction in June, 1911. According to the prison physician, the man's neck was cracked and a death was practically instantaneous. Bosworth met death bravely. He made no remarks from the scaffold. Each of the six deputy sheriffs pressed a button and the drop fell. Only two buttons were connected with the drop. Hereafter all murderers condemned to death in Vermont will be electrocuted.

Seville.—The coldest weather in twenty-eight years prevails. Trains from Madrid are stalled in the snow. The thermometer was 5 1/2 degrees below freezing.

DOCTORS BELIEVE BRIDE-TO-BE WAS KILLED BY THUGS

Girl Carrying Trousseau Is Thought to Have Been Attacked and Thrown on Tracks.

New York, Jan. 3.—Killed on her way home from Manhattan whither she had gone to purchase part of her trousseau, it is believed today that Miss Olga Garetzki, the young daughter of John G. Garetzki, a wealthy hotel keeper in East Williston, L. I., was murdered and her body placed on a trolley track near her home, so that it had been mangled by a trolley car and the crime concealed.

Coroner Frank Seaman, of Nassau County, has started a thorough investigation. He said today that it was possible that she had been attacked and her body flung on the rails. Two physicians called by the coroner said that, basing their opinion on their first examination that it was possible Miss Garetzki had been attacked.

The preliminary investigation into her death, however, leaves it still surrounded in mystery. It was first believed that she had been struck by an automobile and left in the road but the belief that she was murdered is held by many.

Miss Garetzki was twenty years old and attractive in appearance. She was to have been married next Wednesday. Prior to yesterday afternoon she came to Manhattan to buy some lingerie needed to complete her trousseau.

The theory that Miss Garetzki was the victim of highwaymen is supported by stories told by servants in the country home of E. T. Cushing, which stands far back from the road, but opposite the point between Mineola and Seabrook, where the body was found.

The butler and several other servants say they heard a woman's cry for help. They ran toward the road, from whence they heard the cries, just as a trolley car approached. The car suddenly stopped, as John Kelly, the motorman, saw a woman's body lying on the rails. With the aid of the stationer, he picked up the body of his car and drove at full speed to Mineola. When first found slight signs of life still showed.

WALL ST. MARKET CLOSING IS HEAVY, MONEY IS TIGHT

New York, Jan. 3.—Opening—After a dull and uncertain opening today, the market dipped downward sharply in response to a sudden influx of selling orders which embraced virtually the whole active list. Opening quotations showed no changes of significance and the sudden shift puzzled traders.

Reading, which bore the brunt of the selling, dropped two points. Losses of a point or more were soon shown in Union Pacific, New York Central and Canadian Pacific. Steel and Amalgamated. Active selling was not long continued, however, and the market grew quieter at the lower level.

Citic—the market closed steady. Heavy selling of the leading stocks, which depressed the market abruptly after a quiet opening, could be traced to no specific influence and was apparently of professional origin. Success in bringing out stop loss orders in the market leaders induced the bears to widen their activities and some of the professional origin.

Further liquidation of Rock Island collateral bonds and increase in business failures of the week continued tightness of money, and important additional factors in the number of unfavorable railroad reports all influenced the market adversely. The tone improved toward the close, however, and partial recoveries were affected. Bonds were heavy.

GUNBOAT REACHES PORT

New Orleans, Jan. 3.—The United States gunboat Wheeling which has been on patrol duty along the Mexican coast, arrived here shortly before midnight last night.

AMERICAN REFUGEES REACH NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans, Jan. 3.—Thirty-one American refugees, including eight women and several children, arrived here last night from Vera Cruz aboard the steamer City of Mexico.

H. C. Walters, who said he owned several thousand acres in Chihuahua, including mining concessions, said he was forced to pay the rebels \$2,000 to get out of jail at Santa Rosalia. Americans in his section were dispersed by the Mexican revolutionaries. Followers looted their ranches.

LOCAL MERCHANT TO TAKE NEWARK BRIDE

A. L. Mintz of the C. J. Mintz Co., one of the most popular and successful of our younger merchants is to marry Miss Janette Fried, of Newark, N. J., on Sunday, January 4th.

The bride, who will have a wedding, only a few friends and relatives being present. Dr. Solomon Foster of Washington Street Temple, Newark, will officiate.

Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Mintz will leave on a wedding trip to Atlantic City and Philadelphia. After February 1 they will be at home to their friends at 381 French street, this city.

SIGNALS CHANGE ON LOCAL ROAD SUNDAY

Automatic Signals Tested Out and Will Operate Tomorrow—Old Towers To Be Taken Down.

Electric Train Service To Be Inaugurated March 1st.—Tests Soon To Be Made To Burr Road.—Tower Men To Get Other Work.

Automatic block signals upon the New Haven road between Norwalk and Burr road begin operation tomorrow, supplanting the former tower signals. These block signals have for some time been in operation between New York and Stamford and lately between Stamford and Norwalk. A current of 2,400 volts was yesterday turned into the line as far as Burr road and the operation tested out. It worked satisfactorily and, tomorrow the electric system of the new installation will be put into operation.

Although a report emanating from New Haven yesterday stated that test trains had been run under the new electric system as far as Burr road, this report was today denied, and it was said that the electric current had not as yet been turned into the wires for a test.

This will be done, however, in the near future, but only as far as Burr road, and trains will not be run through to Bridgeport under this power until final terminal facilities have been completed in New Haven that storage of cars may be made as is now done in Stamford. It is predicted by officials of the road that the electrification and operation of the new system will be completed by March 1st as far as New Haven.

BUILDING NOTES OF LOCAL INTEREST

The following building permits were issued by the building commissioners at their meeting last night, the aggregate cost of the work to be \$8,975:

Jacob Levy, two six-family frame dwellings, north side of Morris street, between Bridgeport and Title Co., frame open shed, west side of Union avenue.

William Krueger, one story frame building, south side of Charles street. The foundation for the loft building which is being erected in Broad street for Lisle Bros., is completed. The Fletcher Construction Co. has received only a few bids for the erection of fire escapes on the public schools. The bids will be opened January 6.

The first floor of the new Nichols street school has been completed. A store and tenement block will be built at Main and Henry streets for Goldman and Schine.

L. W. Brown has begun work on a three-family house in Poplar street. The foundation is completed for the bungalow in Brooklawn avenue for John Petrie.

The foundation for a bungalow for Waldo Hudson in Brooklawn avenue is nearly finished. Work will be started in the spring on an addition to the plant of the Coldwell Rubber Co.

The following building permits have been granted by the building commissioners:

Huber Ice Cream Co., Seaview avenue, brick building.

C. Beck, Fifth street, frame garage.

Hattie V. Hayes, Fairview avenue, two-family house.

B. Ranzoni, Spruce street, frame addition.

B. Bernstein, Main street, frame garage.

Jacoby, Haral avenue, brick store.

T. E. Macfarlane, Holland avenue, storage shed.

A. J. Fones, Washington avenue, auto shed.

Mary Lamson, School street, one-family house.

Mrs. J. Danosk, Waldorf avenue, frame garage.

Gallagher Building Co., Howard avenue, three-family house.

F. A. Watson, Florence street, frame shop.

Angelo Laconte, Cedar street, four frame houses.

E. L. Graves, Laurel avenue, alterations.

RAIN ABOVE AVERAGE

New Haven, Jan. 3.—The rainfall in Connecticut in December was slightly above the average but below that of a year ago while the rainfall for the year was about normal.

PLANS TO ALLEVIATE CONDITIONS OF JEWS

London, Jan. 3.—King Charles, of Roumania, today informed the leaders of the Jewish movement that he recognizes that the existing conditions of the Jews in his country are untenable and has resolved to alleviate them, according to a despatch from Bucharest to the Central News Agency. His majesty declared that he had reached his decision after taking into consideration the fact that many Jewish soldiers had participated in the recent Balkan war. As a constitutional monarch, however, he said he must first come to an understanding on the subject with the legislative bodies.

TRUSTEES HELP FIGHT FLAMES IN PRISON

Boston, Jan. 3.—The entire executive force of the House of Correction on Deer Island, four miles down the harbor, assisted by all the "trustees," fought a fire in the laundry and calmed the excitement among 1,000 prisoners during the early morning hours today.

The laundry, which adjoined the main building, was destroyed with a loss of \$10,000.

Paris.—The freezing weather holds Paris in its grip. In northern France there were heavy falls of snow. The temperatures in southern France were 5 to 10 degrees below freezing.

HOWLAND'S

Entrances in Main Street, Fairfield Avenue, 24 Cannon Street.

Bridgeport, Conn.
Saturday, Jan. 3, 1913.

The Weather:—Snow or Rain—Colder.

These blankets at \$5 are best we know.

Before picking the blanket at \$5, we matched the store's against every one we could find.

There was not one that equalled it, at price.

It excelled in fineness of wool and in amount of wool in each blanket.

It excelled in the snowy purity of its whiteness and in the delicate shade of its pink or blue borders.

It excelled in strength and in the softness of its surface.

There was none that matched it in warmth.

Here it is:—

Fine soft wool, generous of size, stout cotton warp to make it stronger,—

Main floor, rear.

Come and in quiet choose fine rug.

Oriental, finest of all rugs, deserves quiet critical consideration.

Rug of such fineness is rightly chosen only in right conditions. There must be plenty of light. There must be quiet surroundings, that one may center thought upon each rug as it is spread out. There must be variety of rugs.

All these conditions are fulfilled now in Carpet Hall.

A rich gathering of Oriental rugs in medium and smaller sizes. A congenial atmosphere. A quietude that's delightful.

Mossouls, Kermans, Iran-Mossouls, Saruks, Shirvans, Beluchistans,—\$25 to \$100.

Third floor.

Every night now is a Victor night.

Full enjoyment of one's Victor-Victrola is to be gotten these cold indoor nights.

Grouped in the library or the sitting-room in comfort, everybody thoroughly enjoys the Victor.

It brings rest with its old-time songs. It brings delight with its bursts of grand opera. It brings laughter with its humorous dialogue. It brings vivacity and merriment with its songs and music of the day.

Victor-Victrola is a master instrument. At will of owner, it is violin or human voice; crashing military band or whispering orchestra. It brings wonderful songs direct from the lips of greatest singers of today—and of yesterday, for some voices now stilled are to be heard with delight from the Victor-Victrola.

With all its powers and strength, it is to be easily procured. Through the store's club plan, one may choose instrument at a price from \$20 to \$200 and have it delivered on payment of a small initial amount. Whoever takes advantage of this plan, pays no penny of extra cost. The store's price is the regular cash price of the Victor which is chosen. There are no interest charges or membership fees. But the privilege is given of paying in small monthly amounts, the balance due after paying this first sum.

There should be a Victor-Victrola in your home. Will you choose the one you'd like—and it will be there in almost no time.

Front basement.

HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO.

Governor Annoyed
By U. S. Probe of
Moyer Deportation

Big Rapids, Mich., Jan. 3.—Governor Ferris was plainly disappointed when he learned this forenoon that the department of justice had ordered Edward J. Bowman, acting United States District Attorney at Grand Rapids, to investigate the alleged deportation of Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, from the Calumet Copper Mining district.

"It is strange they could not let us attend to that business at least until we fell down," said the governor. "I like investigations but why shouldn't we be allowed to attend to our affairs? There is no reason for the government taking that matter up. We are merely waiting for Moyer to come back and testify."

Last night a telegram received at Lansing was forwarded here from

John Denmore, of the department of labor, in which the governor was informed that Denmore cannot outline his proposed strike settlement plan at the present time. Governor Ferris said today he could not discuss his next step.

**Frightened to Death,
Declare Her Doctors**

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 3.—After 1-2 hours of unconsciousness, Miss Anna Wheeler, daughter of Dr. Charles D. Wheeler, died today in the city hospital. The hospital physicians were of the opinion that the girl was frightened to death when an automobile in which she was riding on Christmas Day was struck by a trolley car. The physicians believe that shock caused the rupture of a blood vessel.

John Lathrop Clark, the oldest business man and Free Mason in Providence, R. I., died yesterday, aged 75 years.